

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

As set forth in the Office Action Summary:

- (4) Claims 1-30 are pending;
- (6) Claims 1-11, 15-26, and 30 are rejected; and
- (7) Claims 12-14, 16 and 27-29 are objected to--i.e., they are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but are allowable if suitably written to independent form. (See pages 5-6)

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims have been amended to allowable form, and more particularly:

Claim 1 is amended to include limitations of dependent claims 10, 11 and 12, claim 12 being objected to but allowable;

Claim 14, objected to but indicated to be allowable, has been amended to independent form, including the features of original claims 1, 10 and 11;

Claim 16 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 25 - 27, claim 27 being objected to but allowable; and

Claim 29, objected to but indicated to be allowable, is rewritten to independent form to include the limitations of claims 16, 25 and 26.

Further, claim 13/12 is amended to depend from allowable claim 1 and claim 28/27 is amended to depend from allowable claim 16.

Further, claim 10, 11, 12, 25, 26 and 27 are cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, all of the remaining independent claims herein are in condition for allowance and their respective dependent claim correspondingly are in condition for allowance as well.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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